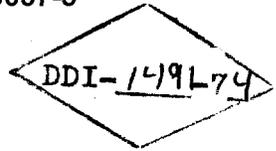


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16 May 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Soviet and Chinese Aid to North Vietnam

1. The attached blind memorandum responds to Congressman Les Aspin's 3 May request to Mr. Colby for information on Soviet and Chinese aid to Indochina from 1968 through the present period. Both text and data in this memorandum are consistent with other aid series used in higher classification materials we have presented to Executive and Legislative components in the past.

2. As you know, we discovered from discussions with the Defense Intelligence Agency that Congressman Aspin also approached them for precisely the same information. After calling on us for support, it is our understanding that DIA forwarded their package to him yesterday.

3. Neither the response from DIA nor our memorandum cover Communist assistance to Indochinese countries other than North Vietnam.

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